Fecundity of Indian Exclusive Economic Zone

1205. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had appointed a Committee of experts to decide on the fecundity of Indian Exclusive Economic Zone and resource availability to allow bull trawling;

(b) if so, the details of the report submitted by this Committee;

(c) whether any sick fishing units of Andhra Pradesh have applied for such permission; and

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure that sick fishing units are not burdened with further losses due to delays ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Report of the Committee has highlighted various aspects related to operation of bull trewlers in Indian EEZ, and it *inter-alia* includes an analysis of techniques of bull trawling, operation of bull trawlers in waters of other countries, checks and monitoring systems required in case of operation of bull trawlers, impact of bull trawling on activities of small fishermen, need for research schemes and studies for assessing impact of bull trawling.

(c) and (d) Some companies registered in Andhra Pradesh have applied for permission of chartering of foreign bull trawlers. Government have announced a scheme for rehabilitation for sick but viable fishing companies on 4th April, 1991 and cases of many fishing companies including some registered in Andhra Pradesh have been approved for rehabilitation.

Pepsi soft drinks concentrate

1206. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the value and quantity of Pepsi soft drinks concentrate produced during the last year;

(b) whether monthly production returns are being filed by Pepsi Foods;

(c) whether soft drink production is within 25 per cent limit as specified in foreign collaboration approval; and

(d) if not, whether Government proposes to stop Pepsi soft drinks production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (d) Provisional unaudited figures of sale of soft drink concentrate in value and quantity furnished by M/s. Pepsi Foods Ltd. for the year ending 31-3-1992 is Rs. 808.78 lakhs and 9034.3 units respectively. The company has also indicate a total turnover for the same period to be over Rs. 3250 lakhs and are filing monthly production returns. The issue of inerpretation of term 'total turnover of the company for the year' incorporated in FC approval have been referred to Ministry of Law and Minisry of Law's advice is awaited.

Non-fulfilment of condition by Pepsi Foods

1207. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Law Ministry has given its opinion regarding the case of Pepsi Foods' non-fulfilment of conditions of their foreign collaboration approval/letter of intent referred to by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries;

(b) if so, whether the Law Ministry concurs with the views of the Food Processing Ministry regarding the definition of turnover, the constitution of own manufactured goods, etc.; and

(c) what action under law is proposed to be taken against Pepsi Foods for violation of the condition of its foreign collaboration approval ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Beer manufacturing projects in India

1208. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases recommended by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries for setting up Beer manufacturing projects in India;

(b) the number of them approved by the Secretariat of Industrial Approvals for grant of L.O.I.;

(c) the number of State Industrial Development Corporations who had applied for L.O.I. for setting up Beer Projects;

(d) whether any State Industrial Development Corporations have been given L.O.I. for the same so far;

(e) whether any State Chief Minister has written to Government to give L.O.I. for their State Industrial Development Corporation to set up Beer projects, if so, what action has been taken thereon in the matter;

(f) whether it is a fact that Himachal State Industrial Development Corporation has been recommended for a L.O.I. by the Licensing Committee of Industrial Development; and

(g) what are the reasons for not granting an industrial licence when some private party has been given a licence in the same State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) After taking into consideration all relevant factors including the advise of technical authority, Ministry of Food Processing Industries have recommended 119 cases since 1989 for grant of letter of intent for setting up Beer manufacturing projects in India.

(b) SIA has granted Letters of Intent in respect of 9 applications including 6 from Non Resident Indians (excluding those issued under 100% Export Oriented Unit Scheme).

(c) and (d) 9 State Industrial Development Corporations have applied for setting up Beer projects, out of which one Industrial Development Corporation has been granted Letter of Intent.

(e) to (e) The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh has written to the Government of India for grant of Letter of Intent to the Himachal Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation for the Beer project. The application from Himachal Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation alongwith others was considered and recommended by Licensing Committee in its 42nd meeting held on 25-11-1991, but Government have not made a decision on these recommendations.

Production of NERAMAC

1209. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of installed capacity and actual production of pineapple products being produced by M/s: North Eastern Regional Agriculture Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC), a Government Enterprise under his Ministry;

(b) what are the reasons for not utilising its full capacity inspite of growing demand and the steps being taken by NERAMAC to minimise losses and expenditure; and

(c) what commission, incentives, facilities, NERAMAC propose to offer to consignment agents or distributors for sales promotion of their products and enable the NERAMAC to utilise its full installed capacity to minimise losses and expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation's fruit juice concentrate plant at Nalkata (North Tripura) has an installed capacity to